

SUMMARY OF ST. LOUIS MARKETS.

Wheat was the strongest feature of the local grain market yesterday. Early strength indicated an even greater advance than that subsequently recorded, but despite a decline from the high point, the closing price was above that of Saturday. Light Northwestern receipts, higher cables and a better export demand were the bullish cards. Good commission-house buying developed in behalf of traders who had let so their holdings at Saturday's short session.

Corn did not fair so well. While the opening was higher, selling by nervous losses toward the close of the session caused a fraction of a cent to be taken down mainly because of lack of support, the only sale recorded being 1/2 cent below Saturday's closing bid.

In the produce market the general tendency was downward, especially in the fruit and vegetable list. Receipts of potatoes and cabbage were large, and much of the stock was not of the best quality. Peaches were in small supply and prices were steady for top grades, though much of the inferior stock was not wanted. Pears were plentiful and easier.

A splendid feeling was evinced in the local market for St. Louis securities yesterday. The tone at both sessions was healthier than at any time for weeks. Investors were apparently back in the market to stay, and were willing to spend their money to uphold their belief in the stability of St. Louis corporations, especially the banks and trust companies.

Live stock was in better supply, but an increased demand caused a stiffening of prices all around.

The local market for spot cotton was 1/4 higher.

Discount rates were steady between 5 and 6 per cent.

WHEAT SHOWED STRENGTH; CORN LOST EARLY GAIN.

LIGHT RECEIPTS A BULL FACTOR.

After Early Buying Speculators Permitted Corn to Sag.

Wheat advanced and corn declined in the local grain market yesterday. Trading was not extremely heavy, though there was a fair amount of buying of wheat for export and commission-house business. The market for corn was not so active, and the price was lower than it was at the opening. Receipts of spring wheat in the markets of Minneapolis and Duluth were larger than they have been for several weeks. This was a bullish indication, which, taken in connection with the better foreign feeling and a fairly good export demand, could not but have its effect upon speculation. Local traders who had sold out in Saturday's short session were back on the buying side yesterday. The net gain for the day was 1/4 cent.

There was less support for corn, and that grain was permitted to sag. While opening was higher on bullish cables and reported buying at other domestic points, there was a steady reduction, a wiping out of all gains made at the beginning of the session. Trading was not heavy at any time.

Oats were again neglected in a speculative way, the net result of desultory trading being a decline of 1/4 cent. The market for rye was also quiet, and the price was 1/4 cent lower than it was at the opening. The market for barley was also quiet, and the price was 1/4 cent lower than it was at the opening.

Receipts of wheat at St. Louis were 45,500 bu., compared with 105,600 bu. a year ago. Of these, 47,471 bu. were local and 1,028,429 bu. were from other points. Compared with 1900, the receipts were 1,115,307 bu., as compared with 1,718,000 bu. same date last year.

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth were 62 cars, as compared with 1,073 cars same date last year.

Receipts of corn at St. Louis were 95,400 bu., compared with 22,000 bu. a year ago. Of these, 77 cars were local and 46 cars through the same date a year ago.

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LIVERPOOL DEMAND SENT WHEAT UPWARD.

STRONG CABLES AND OUTSIDE BUYING FACTORS.

Increase Caused Active Profit-Taking, but the Price Remained Firm—Corn Inactive.

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ST. LOUIS INVESTORS BOOMED LOCAL STOCKS.

BANK AND TRUST SHARES ACTIVE.

Entire List Was Stronger and Volume of Trading Large.

Investment interest again turned to the local banking list yesterday, after a short session of dullness.

The revival predicted as sure to follow the carnival season is apparently at hand. Yesterday's session was one of the most satisfactory held in weeks, not so much because of the volume of trading as because of its evenness. It was a healthy market in every respect. Bids and offers more nearly represented a soundly based movement. Buyers and sellers were not sparring for position, as they had been in the previous week, and scalping was less freely indulged in, because brokers had something better to do.

Bank and trust company stocks were again in demand. While all of the recent issues were not wiped out, every sale forced was at a substantial advance over Saturday's closing figures. The Mercantile Trust, Mississippi Valley Trust and Commonwealth Trust were the strong spots.

In the traction list there was a much better feeling, with sales of St. Louis Transit at \$25.75, 30 shares of United Railways, preferred at \$25.25, and 2,000 United Railways at \$25.25.

Scarcely less active was the market at the close of the session. While the volume of trading was not so large as in the morning, there was an abundance of buying orders, and the only bar to exchanges in most instances was the strong price which traders maintained on their securities.

The tendency was toward a still higher range of values.

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